

Percentage of People in Poverty by State Using 2- and 3-Year Averages: 2005-2006 and 2007-2008

(People as of March of the following year. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/apspd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar09.pdf)

State	3-year average 2006-2008		2-year average				Change in percentage points (2007-2008 average less 2005-2006 average)/2	
	Percentage	90-percent confidence interval/1 (+/-)	2005-2006		2007-2008		Percentage	90-percent confidence interval/1 (+/-)
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United States...	12.7	0.2	12.5	0.2	12.9	0.2	*0.4	0.3
Alabama.....	14.4	1.5	15.5	1.8	14.4	1.7	-1.1	2.3
Alaska.....	8.2	1.2	9.4	1.6	7.9	1.4	-1.5	1.9
Arizona.....	15.6	1.4	14.8	1.6	16.1	1.6	1.3	2.1
Arkansas.....	15.6	1.6	15.8	1.8	14.5	1.8	-1.2	2.3
California.....	13.2	0.5	12.7	0.6	13.6	0.6	*0.9	0.8
Colorado.....	10.2	1.3	10.6	1.6	10.4	1.5	-0.2	2.0
Connecticut.....	8.3	1.2	8.7	1.4	8.5	1.4	-0.2	1.9
Delaware.....	9.4	1.3	9.3	1.5	9.4	1.5	0.2	2.0
District of Columbia.	17.6	1.9	19.8	2.3	17.3	2.1	-2.5	2.9
Florida.....	12.4	0.7	11.3	0.8	12.8	0.8	*1.5	1.1
Georgia.....	13.9	1.0	13.5	1.2	14.6	1.2	1.1	1.6
Hawaii.....	8.9	1.2	8.9	1.4	8.7	1.4	-0.2	1.8
Idaho.....	10.6	1.3	9.7	1.5	11.1	1.6	1.4	2.0
Illinois.....	11.0	0.8	11.0	1.0	11.1	1.0	0.1	1.2
Indiana.....	12.3	1.2	11.6	1.4	13.1	1.4	1.4	1.8
Iowa.....	9.6	1.3	10.8	1.6	9.2	1.5	-1.6	2.0
Kansas.....	12.4	1.5	12.7	1.8	12.2	1.7	-0.4	2.3
Kentucky.....	16.5	1.6	15.8	1.9	16.3	1.9	0.5	2.4
Louisiana.....	17.1	1.6	17.6	2.0	17.1	1.9	-0.5	2.5
Maine.....	11.0	1.5	11.4	1.8	11.4	1.8	-	2.3
Maryland.....	8.6	1.1	9.1	1.3	8.8	1.3	-0.3	1.7
Massachusetts.....	11.5	1.1	11.1	1.3	11.2	1.3	0.2	1.7
Michigan.....	12.4	0.9	12.6	1.1	11.9	1.1	-0.7	1.4
Minnesota.....	9.1	1.1	8.1	1.3	9.6	1.4	1.4	1.7
Mississippi.....	20.5	1.7	20.4	2.0	20.4	2.0	-	2.6
Missouri.....	12.5	1.3	11.5	1.4	13.1	1.5	1.6	1.9
Montana.....	13.1	1.5	13.7	1.8	12.9	1.7	-0.7	2.3
Nebraska.....	10.2	1.4	9.9	1.5	10.3	1.6	0.4	2.0
Nevada.....	10.0	1.3	10.1	1.6	10.3	1.6	0.2	2.1
New Hampshire.....	6.1	1.1	5.5	1.2	6.4	1.3	0.9	1.6
New Jersey.....	8.9	0.9	7.8	1.0	9.0	1.1	1.2	1.3
New Mexico.....	16.7	1.8	17.4	2.1	16.6	2.1	-0.8	2.7
New York.....	14.2	0.8	14.3	0.9	14.3	0.9	0.1	1.1
North Carolina.....	14.4	1.1	13.5	1.2	14.7	1.3	1.3	1.6
North Dakota.....	10.8	1.4	11.3	1.6	10.5	1.6	-0.7	2.1
Ohio.....	12.9	0.9	12.2	1.0	13.2	1.1	1.0	1.4
Oklahoma.....	14.1	1.5	15.4	1.9	13.5	1.8	-1.9	2.4
Oregon.....	11.7	1.5	11.9	1.7	11.7	1.7	-0.2	2.2

Pennsylvania.....	10.9	0.8	11.3	1.0	10.7	0.9	-0.6	1.2
Rhode Island.....	10.9	1.4	11.3	1.7	11.1	1.7	-0.2	2.2
South Carolina.....	13.1	1.5	13.1	1.7	14.0	1.7	0.9	2.3
South Dakota.....	11.1	1.3	11.3	1.5	11.2	1.5	-	2.0
Tennessee.....	14.9	1.3	14.9	1.6	14.9	1.5	-	2.0
Texas.....	16.3	0.7	16.3	0.9	16.2	0.9	-0.1	1.1
Utah.....	8.8	1.1	9.2	1.4	8.6	1.3	-0.6	1.7
Vermont.....	8.9	1.4	7.7	1.5	9.4	1.6	1.7	2.0
Virginia.....	9.2	0.9	8.9	1.1	9.5	1.1	0.6	1.4
Washington.....	9.5	1.1	9.1	1.3	10.3	1.3	1.2	1.7
West Virginia.....	14.9	1.4	15.3	1.7	14.6	1.7	-0.7	2.2
Wisconsin.....	10.3	1.2	10.2	1.4	10.4	1.4	0.3	1.8
Wyoming.....	10.3	1.4	10.3	1.7	10.5	1.7	0.2	2.2

*Significantly different from zero at the 90-percent confidence level.

- Represents or rounds to zero.

1/A 90-percent confidence interval is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate. For more information, see "Standard Errors and Their Use" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/p60_236sa.pdf>.

2/Details may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2006 to 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.